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1. DE 693 13 740 T2

A grease composition for a high-speed rolling bearing is described.

(Patent family: Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 06-017079 with an English abstract thereof)

2. DE 196 53 589 A1

A grease composition is described.

(Patent family: U.S. Patent 5,840,666 and Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 09-169989 with an English abstract thereof)

3. DE 195 38 658 A1

A grease composition is described.

(Patent family: U.S. Patent 5,707,944 and Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 08-113793 with an English abstract thereof)

The above three German patent publications were cited in an Office Action dated March 21, 2002 in a corresponding German application (submitted in the IDS of June 7, 2002).

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